



NEMC

**Camper and Parent
Information Packet**

Dear Camper:

In a matter of weeks you will arrive at New England Music Camp to begin an enriching and exciting experience. We have created this packet to help you pack and prepare for NEMC. This packet includes our camp policies, what to pack and much more!

IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU AND YOUR PARENTS PRINT OUT AND READ THIS INFORMATION PACKET TOGETHER.

After you have read this packet please download and print the required forms packet. This packet includes the forms listed below and must be on file at the camp office by **June 1st**. You can mail to the camp address or email to office@nemusiccamp.com

- Travel Form
- Health Form
- Permission to Leave Camp Form
- Camper/Parent Permissions and Agreements Form

These forms are available for download at <http://nemusiccamp.com/current-campers/>

We look forward to having you with us this summer, and we sincerely hope that this packet will aid your preparation for camp. We recommend that you keep this packet and refer to it often! If you have any questions or problems, please contact one of the Camp Directors.

Sincerely,

John and Kim Wiggin
Directors

Things to do before coming to camp

1. Have a physical examination within 12 months of the start of camp.
2. Label all belongings, including clothes and bedding, with indelible ink.
3. Prepare a piece of music for camp auditions; be prepared to sight read and play scales.
4. The following forms are available on the camp website, <http://nemusiccamp.com/current-campers/>

Fill out completely, sign, scan, and email to office@nemusiccamp.com by June 1st:

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- Health Form
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Auditions

All campers audition on the first full day of each camp session. Auditions are for the purpose of placing you in the appropriate groups and ensembles. Be prepared to play something you know well, and also be prepared to sight-read and play scales. Saxophone players should prepare a classical piece.

Performance

Campers are permitted one solo performance for each instrument studied at camp. Seven week campers may perform one solo piece in each session on each instrument studied at camp. All campers are urged to perform as early as possible in each session.

Housing

In fairness to all, **cabin assignments will be made strictly by chronological age. No exceptions will be made.** Effort will be made to avoid housing changes at mid-season for all full-season campers; however, some changes may be unavoidable.

Telephone

The office phone is not available for campers and staff except in an emergency. Public phones are available and a phone card is necessary. Campers may bring a phone card with them to camp, or they may be purchased at the camp canteen. We ask campers to make calls only when absolutely necessary, and to limit each call to five minutes. Campers may not make or receive calls during any class or scheduled activity or after 7:30 P.M. except in case of an emergency and then only with the authorization of a Head Counselor or Camp Directors.

Camper Banking

Campers should not keep cash or valuables in the cabin. Most campers deposit approximately \$75.00 - \$100.00 per session into the NEMC Bank. Each camper then receives an electronic debit card and uses it for all money transactions. Camper debit cards can be used at the Canteen, library, and office for treats, music, personal items, and off-campus trips. Balances remaining in Camper Banking are returned to campers at the end of the camp session.

Drugs, Alcohol, Tobacco

The possession and/or use of alcohol or drugs will result in the offending camper's **IMMEDIATE DISMISSAL** with **no refund of tuition**. Tobacco is prohibited on camp grounds and at any related camp activity. This includes all Parent's Weekend activities and events.

Travel to Camp

NEMC requires a Camper Travel form on file with the camp office regardless of whether you will arrive by private car, plane or bus. The **Camper Travel Form** can be found in this packet along with other important forms that you will send back to camp.

Arrival at camp – Registration at the Lodge begins at **1:00 PM**. (PLEASE do not arrive early. We cannot accommodate early registrations.)

Departure from camp – Campers must leave by **9:30 AM**.

Directions to NEMC

NEMC is located at 8 Goldenrod Lane in Sidney, Maine, 04330.

From the North:

- Take Route 95 South to exit 127 (ME-11/ME-137 toward Waterville/Oakland).
- Turn right on ME-11S/ME-137W/Kennedy Memorial Drive.
- After 0.7 miles, turn left onto Country Club Road.
- At the end, turn right onto Webb Road.
- After crossing over Middle Road, turn left onto ME-23S/Snow Pond Road.
- NEMC will be on your right after approximately 3.2 miles.

From the South:

- Take Route 95 North to exit 112B to merge onto ME-11 N/ME-27 N/ME-8 N/Civic Center Drive/New Belgrade Road toward Augusta/Belgrade.
- After 4 miles, turn right onto ME-23 N/Pond Road.
- NEMC will be on your left after approximately 7.2 miles.

NEMC Boston Chartered Bus

Arrival: Your travel arrangements should have your son/daughter arrive in Boston no later than 1:00 p.m. The bus leaves Boston at 2:00 p.m. to return to NEMC. Campers may bring only an instrument and a small carry-on bag on the NEMC bus (no suitcases, trunks, or duffle bags).

Departure: The bus leaves camp at 6:00 a.m. and arrives in Boston at approximately 10:00 am. Your travel arrangements should have your child depart from Boston between 11:00 am and 2:00 pm. Campers may bring only an instrument and a small carry-on bag on the NEMC bus (no suitcases, trunks, or duffle bags).

Luggage/Shipping

Round trip or return shipping can be arranged online from The Mailing Center in Augusta, Maine at www.mailingctr.com. Shipped luggage must be sent prepaid **AT LEAST TWO WEEKS** in advance by UPS or motor freight. Clearly address each piece to your camper at the camp and **attach the label securely** to the luggage so that it cannot come off in transit. Items should be addressed as follows:

CAMPER NAME
NEMC
8 Goldenrod Lane
Sidney, ME 04330.

Family Weekend

Family weekends, held on the last weekend of each session, give parents a special window into the NEMC experience! Families are invited to attend rehearsals and classes and are invited to attend the POPS Concert or musical theater performance. Tickets will be available online – watch your email for when they go on sale!

PLEASE NOTE: The NEMC program remains in session during this special weekend and campers will be expected to follow the camp schedule. There will be very limited time for campers to leave camp with family members.

Families are invited to join us for the following scheduled events:

First Session:

- Fri.** 7:30 pm – Camper Honor Recital (Alumni Hall)
9:00 pm – Reception for parents following the recital (The Lodge)
- Sat.** 8:00 pm – Follow your camper’s schedule; observe rehearsals and classes
11:45 – 1:15 pm – Chicken BBQ in The Grove (be our guest!)
1:30 pm – Enjoy family time with your camper (see leave policy)
7:30 pm – Pops Concert (Performing Arts Center, Oakland)
- Sun.** 11:15 am – Non-denominational Christian Service (Alumni Hall)
3:00 pm – Concert (Bowl in the Pines)
Evening Mid-Season Banquet for Campers Only

Second Session:

- Fri.** 6:30 pm – Reception for parents before the musical theater performance (The Lodge)
7:30 pm – Musical Theater Performance (Alumni Hall)
- Sat.** 8:00 pm – Follow your camper’s schedule; observe rehearsals and classes
11:45 – 1:15 pm – Chicken BBQ in The Grove (be our guest!)
1:15 – 2:30 pm – Enjoy family time with your camper
3:00 pm – Concert (Bowl in the Pines – Concert Groups)
Evening Mid-Season Banquet for Campers Only
- Sun.** 11:15 am – Non-denominational Christian Service (Alumni Hall)
3:00 pm – Concert (Bowl in the Pines – Symphonic Groups)

NEMC Camper Leave and Visitation Policy

As administrators of NEMC, we assume responsibility for the care and safety of your child -- a charge which is accepted with utmost concern. The policies outlined below regarding guest visitation and off-camp travel for campers have been carefully designed to (1) protect your child (2) preserve the integrity of our program and (3) achieve concurrence with the parameters of our liability insurance. All campers must have the Permission to Leave Camp Form on file with this office.

REGULATIONS STRICTLY APPLIED. PLEASE DO NOT REQUEST EXCEPTIONS.

1. Campers with written parental permission may leave the grounds only as follows:
(Verbal/phone authorization or emails will not be accepted)

FRIDAYS: 4:45 to 7:15 p.m. or the designated time
SATURDAYS: **After last morning commitment to 2:15 pm and then again from 4:45 to 7:15 pm, or the designated time.**
Exception: On Mid-Season and Final Banquet days campers may only leave after their last morning class and return by 2:15 pm.
SUNDAYS: 11:00 am to 2:15 pm then again after the concert until 7:15 pm or the designated time. (Please note: Campers are asked to neither leave nor return during Rest Hour – 1:00 – 2:15 pm)
MONDAYS: After cabin duties until 7:00 pm or until campers return from the off-camp activity with PARENTS, IMMEDIATE FAMILY OR FACULTY ONLY. (Do not disturb rest hour 1:00 to 2:15 pm)
Parents who bring campers back before buses return from the off-camp activity must remain on camp with them until counselors arrive.

PLEASE NOTE: The policy for leave and visitation is different during Family Weekend.

Campers with written parental permission may leave the grounds during Family Weekend only as follows:

FRIDAY: 4:00 to 7:15 pm
**SATURDAY:
(SESSION I)** 12:30 to 5:30 (if returning to camp to take the bus to Pops Concert)
12:30 to 7:00 (if going directly to concert site)
Campers are asked not to leave or return during Rest Hour (1:30 to 2:15).
**SATURDAY:
(SESSION II)** 12:30 to 2:30
*Campers are asked not to leave or return during Rest Hour (1:15 to 2:15).
All campers must return to camp on the camp bus following the Pops Concert.*

SUNDAY: 11:00 am to 2:15 pm. Please do not interrupt Rest Hour (1:30 to 2:20).

NEMC Camper Leave and Visitation Policy (continued)

2. Campers **MUST** sign out and sign in at the office upon departure and return.
3. Adults who leave the grounds with any campers, regardless of whether it is their child, must sign an affidavit of responsibility at the Camp office before leaving.
4. Permission for overnight leaves will not be granted.
5. NEMC cannot and does not accept responsibility for any camper during the time (s)he is off the campus (except on official camp trips).
6. Permission to leave camp is a privilege, subject to the approval of the Camp Directors. Time limits must be strictly observed. Campers and parents must plan their return so they will avoid any interruption to the camp routine.
7. **GUESTS AND VISITORS:** Parents are welcome to visit camp anytime except during Rest Hour and the afternoon Recreation Periods (2:15 - 4:00 pm) It should be kept in mind that no camper may be released from any scheduled activity.
8. Please remember that the cabins are the campers' living quarters and should not be entered unless absolutely necessary.
9. Except for the opening and closing days of each session, **CARS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THE CAMP GROUNDS.** Please park your car in the main lot near the Office or at the Bowl.
10. **ALL** dogs must be kept on a leash. Please clean up after your pet.

NEMC Electronics Policy

New England Music Camp offers a traditional summer camp experience in a rural setting. In keeping with those traditions and sound youth camping guidelines and practices, personal electronics are not permitted at NEMC. These include, but are not limited to: cell phones, smart phones, personal computers, tablet computers. Mobile phones necessary for travel will be collected upon arrival at camp and returned upon departure.

NOTE: NEMC campers may bring personal music listening devices, but they may NOT be smart phones. Campers will be asked to turn in their phones for the session. Please plan accordingly if you want to listen to music with a personal device. All personal property is the responsibility of the camper, and as such, campers are not encouraged to bring any belongings to camp that they cannot afford to lose.

NEMC Camper Social Media Policy

New England Music Camp views social networking sites (e.g., Facebook, Instagram, etc.), personal Web sites, and Weblogs positively and respects the right of campers to use them as a medium of self-expression. When a person chooses to identify himself or herself as a camper of NEMC on the internet, readers may view the camper as a representative or spokesperson of the camp. Therefore, NEMC requires, as a condition of participation in the camp, that campers observe the following guidelines when referring to the camp, its programs or activities, its campers, and/or other employees, in a blog or on any social networking website.

- Campers must be respectful in all communications and blogs related to or referencing the camp, its campers, and/or other employees.
- Campers must not use blogs, websites or social networking sites to disparage the camp, campers, or employees of the camp.
- Any photos or messages that are linked or “tagged” from “friends” and attached to your site(s) or profile(s) that are inappropriate need to be removed.
- Campers must not post photos taken anywhere at camp that are inappropriate (bathrooms, shower houses, etc.).
- Campers must not use blogs, personal websites, or social networking sites to harass, bully, or intimidate employees or campers. Behaviors that constitute harassment and bullying include, but are not limited to, comments that are derogatory towards race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, color, or disability; sexually suggestive, humiliating, or demeaning comments.
- Campers must not use blogs, personal websites, or social networking sites to discuss engaging in conduct that is prohibited by camp policies, including, but not limited to, the use of alcohol and drugs, sexual behavior, sexual harassment, and bullying.
- The use of our copyrighted camp name or logo is not allowed without written permission. This includes the creation of websites, blogs, Facebook Pages, Twitter accounts, and/or any other internet properties.

Any camper found to be in violation of any portion of this Social Networking and Blogging Policy will be subject to immediate disciplinary action, up to and including dismissal from camp, and/or appropriate legal action.

Health, Safety and Welfare
(Camp infirmary: 207-465-8323, after June 24th)

A Basic Health and Accident Insurance policy, which is to be supplemented by your insurance, will be provided by NEMC. The policy and group number of your provider **must** be listed on the health form.

We require you to have a physical examination within twelve months of your arrival at camp. The health form **must be returned by June 1st** to the camp address or email to office@nemusiccamp.com.

You must notify the camp immediately if you are arriving to camp with any pre-existing condition.

If you have been under the care of a mental health professional within the last three years, the treating physician must send a letter to the Camp Director by June 1st to help us facilitate your adjustment to camp.

Please note: All information will be treated confidentially.

If you take prescription or over the counter medications, please properly label and bring enough for your stay at camp. All medications will be deposited in the camp health center and dispensed by the camp nurses.

VERY IMPORTANT: Hospitals and doctors will refuse to treat you without parental permission. Therefore one of your parents **MUST** sign the authorization for treatment on the health form.

Payment Schedule

You have agreed to terms, and receive statements with your payment schedules. Please follow them, and make sure that all balances, including extra fees and transportation (if using camp chartered bus) are paid in full. In addition, you can send the camper banking money prior to camp and skip a step in the registration line.

Please direct any questions about payment to Kerry Casey at 207-458-2482, or acct@nemusiccamp.com

Please make all checks payable to NEMC. Send payments and forms to:

NEMC
8 Goldenrod Lane

Sidney, ME 04330.

What to Bring

Label everything indelibly! The camp is not responsible for lost or missing items. **Clothes and other belongings left behind at the end of camp cannot be sent to you.** The detailed packing checklist provided in this packet is intended to help you pack and collect your belongings before you leave camp.

Personal Property:

Cell phones, tablets and personal computers are not permitted during camp. If you travel with a cell phone, you will be asked to turn it in upon your arrival at camp. Personal sports equipment is permitted for the sports we offer, but it is the responsibility of the camper. All personal archery equipment will be stored with similar camp equipment. All other personal belongings are the responsibility of the camper, and are brought to camp at your own risk. We do not lock our cabins during the regular camp operation.

Musical Supplies:

- **All campers** – current method books and solos, metronome, pencils
- **String players** – mutes, extra strings
- **Brass players** – straight mutes (cup and Harmon mutes if you intend to be in Stage Band)
- **Reed players** – extra reeds (Vandoren single reeds recommended)
- **Percussionists** – one pair of concert drumsticks (Firth SDI or comparable), one pair of general tympani mallets (Firth Staccato or comparable), at least one pair of keyboard mallets

Miscellaneous:

Check the attached calendar of events. As you pack for camp, please consider the "special events" so that you arrive prepared. For example, you may want to "get your act together" and bring certain equipment for the talent show, drama presentations, carnival and square dance.

CLOTHING/ATTIRE:

Laundry is sent weekly, and returned the following day.

Daily Dress:

- Appropriate informal daily attire can include sneakers, jeans, shorts, T-shirts, etc.
- Jacket, sweaters, sweat shirts for cool evenings
- Swimsuits – **all** campers are required to take a swim test
- Rain gear: waterproof shoes or boots, waterproof jacket (activities continue regardless of the weather)

Required Performance Dress:

- Girls: black slacks (trouser style), white short or long sleeve blouse, black shoes or sandals (no leggings, capri pants, or t-shirt style blouses)
- Boys: white shirt, long black tie, black trousers, black socks, black dress shoes

Evening Recital Dress (3-5 times per week):

- Girls: Dresses or dressy separates (nothing strapless); nice slacks, skirts, blouses; dress shoes or non-sport sandals.
- Boys: Collared shirts, dress slacks, dressy chinos, dress shoes (dress shorts and non-sport sandals for very warm weather)

Formal/Dressy Attire (Banquet 3th and 6th weeks):

- Girls: Formal or semi-formal dress
- Boys: Sports jacket and tie

Linens

- Towels and wash cloths (2 bath towels, 2 beach towels, 2 hand towels)
- 2 sets sheets (camper beds are twin size)
- 1 pillow
- 3 heavy blankets (Night temperatures often descend into the low 50s) Campers are not allowed to use sleeping bags except for outside bed covers.
- **Sturdy** laundry bag that **closes securely** (clearly labeled on the outside with camper's name). Laundry is sent in these bags weekly to a commercial laundry.

Other Essential Items

- Water Bottle
- Sunscreen
- Insect Repellant
- Phone card
- Umbrella
- Flashlight
- Watch
- Tissues
- General Toiletries

(See detailed packing checklist at <http://nemusiccamp.com/current-campers/>)